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In re application of:

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notices of Allowance and Allowability dated 22 September 2005 for the above-captioned patent application. An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance was appended to the Notice of Allowability. Applicant has the following comments.

While the claimed combinations are patentable over the prior art for the reasons presented therein, the claimed combinations are patentable for many more reasons. More specifically, the patentability of the claimed combinations is not limited to the particular subset of features identified in the Statement, but rather it is the entire combinations of elements in the claims, each claim taken as a whole, that are patentable over the prior art, both taken alone and in hypothetical combination. Furthermore, the claimed combinations are allowable over all the prior art documents, and not merely the specific documents identified in the Statement.

If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2821.

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